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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

10/759,356

Applicant(s)

RICHARD ET AL.

Examiner

David A. Reifsnnyder

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 64-178 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 64-116 and 132-178 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 117-131 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 July 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                       |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restrictions*

Applicant's election without traverse of Group II, claims 117-131 in the reply filed on December 20, 2006 is acknowledged.

Claims 64-116 and 132-178 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected Invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on December 20, 2006.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 117-131 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 98/39250 who discloses a method for assembling single-wall carbon nanotubes on a substrate comprising: providing a plurality of single-wall carbon nanotubes; subjecting the single-wall carbon nanotubes to a electric aligning field, whereby the single-wall

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carbon nanotubes align with the field; contacting said aligned carbon-nanotubes with a substrate; and forming a three-dimensional structure of substantially aligned single-wall carbon nanotube on the substrate. (See page 35-37 and Example 6)

Claims 117-131 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by . Choi et al. who discloses a method for assembling single-wall carbon nanotubes on a substrate comprising: providing a plurality of single-wall carbon nanotubes; subjecting the single-wall carbon nanotubes to a electric aligning field, whereby the single-wall carbon nanotubes align with the field; contacting said aligned carbon-nanotubes with a substrate; and forming a three-dimensional structure of substantially aligned single-wall carbon nanotube on the substrate. (See the Summary and column 4, lines 42-58)

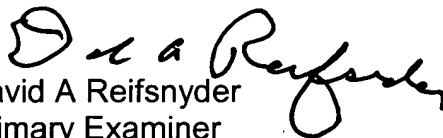
Claims 117-122 and 124-131 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bower et al. who discloses a method for assembling single-wall carbon nanotubes on a substrate comprising: providing a plurality of single-wall carbon nanotubes; subjecting the single-wall carbon nanotubes to a magnetic or eleelectric aligning field, whereby the single-wall carbon nanotubes align with the field; contacting said aligned carbon-nanotubes with a substrate; and forming a three-dimensional structure of substantially aligned single-wall carbon nanotube on the substrate. (See column 7, lines 25-30 and column 8, lines 40-52)

**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David A. Reifsnyder whose telephone number is (571) 272-1145. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wanda M. Walker can be reached on (571) 272-1151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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